

ITALIANS START COUNTER STROKE THRU MOUNTAINS

Austrians Offer Strong Resistance Against Offensive.

Extent of Movement Has Not Yet Been Revealed.

BRITISH MAKE GAIN ON ASIAGO

May Be Move To Forestall Ac- tion by Austrians.

**Retreat Continues All Along
the Plave River.**

The Austrians are making a strong resistance but the Italians have gained

the extent of the Italian counter-offensive, but British forces already have made an appreciable gain on the Asiago plateau, in conjunction with Italian gains along the Piave.

It is possible that General Diaz, knowing that the Austrians contemplated a renewal of their drive southward from the mountains, "beat them

Italians 'Cautious.
General Diaz is cautiously pursuing the battered Austrian armies because of the advance of the Italians leaves their left flank open to an attack by the Austrian-German reserves in the dominating hills of the upper Piave. Officers here stated that the Austrian disorder will permit the Italians to strongly fortify themselves on the east bank of the Piave.

Navy Helped In Battle.
Destroyers battered the Austrian positions along the Tagliamento river and north of Castellazzo while marine battalions from the warships advanced across the Piave and took hundreds of prisoners.

Czech-Slavs, Jugo-Slavs, Rumanians, Serbians and other nationalities oppressed by Austrians, were represented at a demonstration to the victorious Italian forces given by the British ambassador at Rome yesterday.

With the Italian Armies in the Field, June 25.—The Austrian retreat continues.

The Plave is choked with enemy dead and the debris of their equipment. The attempt of the Austrians to war office to represent their retired

It is positively established that the enemy's losses are even greater in the

Airmen Harass Retreating Foe.
Allied air forces were particularly active in harassing the Austrian retreat across the river at Falze, after the enemy had been swept from Monello. American aviators played

Italian cavalry is pursuing the enemy far beyond the Piave. The

the line between Conegliano and Oderzo. The infantry has followed this cavalry across and is operating on the east bank at three points on the twenty mile front between Montello and Ponte di Piave.

Austrian Reserves in Mountains.
General Diaz has made no announcement.

A considerable British force penetrated the Austrian lines on the Asiatic plateau and returned with a number

Just what effect the Plave retirement may have on the expected Austrian drive southward from the mountains cannot yet be determined.

**First Large Call for Draftees for June
Will Come Tomorrow.**

Washington, June 25.—The first large call for draftees for general military service for the month of June will come tomorrow.

From present indications about 300,000 men will be added to classes thru the reclassification of deferred classes by local boards. It was officially announced at the provost marshal general's office today. In Washington, D. C., alone, from 2,500

3,000 men have been added to class
1 by local boards, out of an approx-
imate population of 400,000, and
was stated that the same percentage
would hold for the rest of the nation.

